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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS:

REF: PRETORIA 2133

1. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 23 IN SALISBURY, TWELVE RHODESIAN FRONT (RF) MP'S INDICATED THEY'RE FORMING NEW PARTY. ALSO, IN PARLIAMENT, 12 YEAR OLD STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS EXTENDED ANOTHER YEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT TWELVE DISSIDENT RF MP'S (SEE PRETORIA 2133) ON JUNE 23 ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD FORM NEW OPPOSITION PARTY TO CHALLENGE SMITH. NEW GROUP WOULD SUPPORT " TURNHALLE-TYPE" SOLUTION IN RHODESIA, WITH POWER BASED ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED IN FEDERAL STRUCTURE. SHORTLY AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT, ONE OF DISSIDENT LEADERS, COLIN BARLOW, MADE PERSONAL ATTACK ON SMITH IN PARLIAMENT. HE CHARGED THAT SMITH HADN'T ANY PLAN
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FOR SETTLEMENT BUT WAS ONLY REACTING TO OUSTIDE PRESSURES. SMITH, BARLOW SAID, HAD ADMITTED THIS PRIVATELY.

3. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, PARLIAMENT PASSED A YEAR EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RHODESIA WHICH GAVE POLICE AND ARMY SPECIAL POWERS OF CONTROL AND DETENTION. EMERGENCY HAS EXISTED SINCE UDI. INTRODUCING

EXTENSION, MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER HILARY SQUIRES
SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO COUNTER SANCTIONS, THE WAR,
AND THE DANGER OF INTER-TRIBAL FIGHTING. IT IS ALSO
NEEDED, SQUIRES SAID, TO CONTROL "MALICIOUS AND MUDDLED"
NEWS REPORTS ABOUT RHODESIA. ONLY OPPOSITION TO EXTENSION
WAS AFRICAN INDEPENDENTS WHO CHARGED IT WAS NOT ONLY
HINDERANCE TO FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND SPEECH, BUT TO
PRESENT ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE FOR SETTLEMENT. ONE
MEMBER, MICAH BHEBE, SAID IT HELPED "PROP" UP THE
GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS CAUSING ABUSE AND SUFFERING TO
INNOCENT CIVILIANS. ANOTHER, THOMAS ZAWAIRA, SAID
CAUSES OF THE WAR SHOULD BE REMOVED, THEN THERE
WOULD BE NO NEED FOR EMERGENCY. BOWDLER

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